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SUBJECT: 1975 ELECTION FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL FAO

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1. APPRECIATE REFTEL AND REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING.
PRESS REPORT IS TRUE. URUGUAY HAS WITHDRAWN CANDIDACY AS
REPORTED MONTEVIDEO 2884. GENERAL LA SUPPORT FOR AQUINO
IS INDICATED BUT NOT PROVED BY NOTE OF 15 OCTOBER FROM
SALVADORAN AMBASSADOR IN ROME TO EMBASSY ROME OFFICER,
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WHICH STATES THAT, IN MEETING OF DELEGATIONS OF LA AND

CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES AT FAO 2 OCTOBER, DELEGATIONS DECIDED TO NOMINATE AQUINO. ACCORDING TO NOTE, DELEGATIONS ALSO STATED WISH THAT OFFICE OF DG FAO BE HELD BY LATIN AMERICAN DURING 1976-1981 TERM.

2. OTHER ANNOUNCED CANDIDATES REMAIN. ONE OF THEM EDOUARD SAOUMA, (LEBANON), DIRECTOR, FAO LAND AND WATER DEVELOPMENT DIVISION ALSO MAKING STRONG CAMPAIGN. HE CLAIMS FULL SUPPORT OF ARAB LEAGUE AND HIS CANDIDACY WAS ENDORSED BY ISLAMIC CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS IN JUNE 1974. TWO ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES ARE DR. BUKAR SHAIB, PERMANENT SECRETARY, FEDERAL MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND NATIONAL RESOURCES OF NIGERIA AND PROFESSOR SAMUEL SEY OF GHANA. LATTER NOT REGARDED AS SERIOUS CANDIDATE AND EXPECTED WITHDRAW.

3. DEPARTMENT USING EXTREME CAUTION IN RESPONDING TO REQUESTS FOR US SUPPORT SINCE ELECTION IS STILL MORE THAN A YEAR AWAY AND ADDITIONAL CANDIDATES COULD SURFACE. IF THIS IS TO OCCUR, MOST LIKELY TIME WOULD BE FORTHCOMING FOOD CONFERENCE (NOVEMBER 5-16) OR FAO COUNCIL (NOV. 18-29) WHICH FOLLOWS. WE INTEND FOLLOW ALL CAMPAIGNS CLOSELY AND LIKELY WILL NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS FOR SOME MONTHS. INGERSOLL

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